

OFFICE.

Letters outward, 3,222.

Telegrams outward, 371.

164 orders for admission to Infectious-diseases Hospital.

295 tubes of vaccine lymph distributed to medical practitioners and public vaccinators.

274 accounts made out in favour of medical practitioners.

R. H. MARGILL,

District Health Officer.

PART B.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

INSANITARY BUILDINGS.

During the year 13 condemnation certificates were issued, made up as follows : Dwellinghouses, 3 ; outbuildings, 5 ; stables, 2 ; lean-to, 3.

ANNUAL HOTEL-INSPECTIONS.

The following table shows the total number of hotels reported upon :—

Rangitikei	10	Egmont	9
Wanganui	15	Taumarunui	4
Wairarapa	19	Pahiatua	17
Taranaki	10	Otaki	13
Patea	25	Wairau	3
Oroua	13	Wellington	2
Stratford	11		
Manawatu	14	Total	165

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following is a list of the legal proceedings taken by the Wellington District Office during the year :—

Offence.	Under what Act or By-laws.	Date of Hearing.	Name of Magistrate.	Result of Proceedings.		Remarks.
				Fines.	Costs.	
Keeping pigs within borough ..	With Borough Council, under by-laws	29/4/09	J.P.s ..	20/0	12/0	Persisted in keeping pigs on his hotel premises.
Failing to notify case of infectious disease	Public Health 1908	25/6/09	A. D. Thomson	10/0	7/0	Doctor's fee, 10/6.
8 per cent. of water added to milk	Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908	9/7/09	Dr. McArthur	20/0	7/0, 5/0	Two charges.
Selling milk below standard				20/0	7/0, 5/0	
10 per cent. of water added to milk	Ditto ..	9/7/09	"	20/0	7/0, 5/0	"
Selling milk below standard				20/0	7/0, 5/0	
8 per cent. of water added to milk	"	9/7/09	"	20/0	7/0, 5/0	"
Selling milk below standard				20/0	7/0, 5/0	
6 per cent. of water added to milk	"	9/7/09	"	20/0	7/0, 5/0	"
Milk containing a preservative (boracic acid)				20/0	7/0, 5/0	
18 per cent. of water added to milk	"	9/7/09	"	40/0	7/0, 5/0	"
Selling adulterated milk				20/0	7/0, 5/0	
15 per cent. added water	"	9/7/09	W. G. Riddell	40/0	7/0, 5/0	"
4 oz. short weight in 4 lb. loaf ..				20/0	7/0, 5/0	
1½ oz. short weight in 2 lb. loaf ..	"	21/2/10	W. R. Haselden	20/0	9/0	Pleaded guilty.
Pepper adulterated by addition of 25 per cent. starch		7/3/10	"	20/0	9/0	
Bread 3 oz. short weight in 4 lb. loaf	"	14/3/10	Dr. McArthur	10/0	7/0	"
25 per cent. starch in pepper ..		18/3/10	"	20/0	7/0	
				10/0	7/0	"

Nelson.—At the request of the Nelson City Council an investigation was made by Inspector Middleton and myself into the condition of the sewerage system just completed. The sewers were found to be leaking to an extent pointing to serious structural defects, more especially in the wood area. Steps were taken by the City Engineer to uncover and relay portion of the system. The need for such reconstruction was subsequently confirmed by examination by Mr. Hay, M.I.C.E.

Westport.—Plans and estimates were prepared by the Borough Engineer for a complete sewerage system. The main point in discussion has been as to the position of the outfall. The Borough Council has consulted the Engineer-in-Chief with a view to a final decision.

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